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**Ministry of Water Resources  
Development-05 Branch**

**NOTIFICATION**

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**No. 42.00.0000.038.18.039.15.527.**—Water security has been identified as the top global threat for economic growth. And Bangladesh is no exception. It has to cope with both extremes of water security too much water in the wet season and too little in the dry season. In addition, Bangladesh gets more than 90 percent of its water from trans-boundary rivers. During the dry season, the volume of water reaching Bangladesh is ever decreasing due to up-stream water withdrawal by the upper-riparian countries. The situation is further aggravated by unplanned urbanization and industrialization which combined with over dependence as well as excessive use of ground water for irrigation. Gaining water efficiency and water productivity is a critical issue to sustain our agricultural productivity to feed an ever growing population. The Government of Bangladesh after consulting with relevant stakeholders within the government, private sector and civil society and supported by the 2030 Water Resources Group , International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group, has decided to establish the Bangladesh Water Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (Bangladesh Water MSP) with the objective of contributing to addressing these challenges.

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2. The Bangladesh Water MSP will be dedicated to address water sector issues and develop specific work-streams. The multi-stakeholder dialogue will focus on the identification, design and implementation of ‘Transformative Collective Action’ (Projects). The transformative projects will aim to make significant contribution to improving water security by reducing the demand-supply gap and/ or improving the quality of available water resources for agricultural, industrial, domestic use and to ensure sustainability of essential eco-system services. The organs of the Bangladesh Water MSP are summarized below :

**3. High Level Water Forum (HLWF) :**

The High Level Water Forum (HLWF) is a conference of local and international stakeholders. The HLWF will help guide and promote strategic priorities and mobilize partners and resources to support specific priority projects.

**4. National Steering Board (NSB) :**

The National Steering Board (NSB) of the Bangladesh Water MSP will act as Executive Organ of the MSP. The NSB will make decision with regard to the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and the initial three work-stream of the Bangladesh Water MSP.

**5. Structure of the Bangladesh Water MSP National Steering Board :**

**a. Chair :** Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Division

**b. Government Members (Not according to Seniority) :**

Principal Secretary/Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office

Sr. Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance

Sr. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

Member, General Economics Division, Planning Commission

Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests

Secretary, Ministry of Industries

Secretary, Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives

Member-Physical Infrastructure Division, Planning Commission

Member-Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Institutions Division

Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources [Member-secretary]

**c. Civil Society:**

BRAC [Co-chair]

**Civil Society Members:**

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP)

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka

Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD)

**d. Private Sector:**

International Chamber of Commerce [Co-chair]

**Private Sector Members:**

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA)

Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BKMEA)

Bangladesh Agro Processors' Association (BAPA)

Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI)

Bangladesh Tanners Association (BTA)

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industries (MCCI)

Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industries (FICCI)

2030 WRG Partner(s): H&M and others

**e. Possible Observers:** WB, IFC, ADB, SDC, SIDA, SIWI, DFID, JICA, DANIDA, relevant agencies of the Government of India and Government of China and other relevant agencies

**6. Roles and Responsibilities of the Bangladesh Water MSP's National Steering Board:**

- (1) The NSB will function as the executive organ of the proposed Bangladesh MSP for Water.
- (2) The NSB will include high-level representatives from the Government, private sector and civil society and include development partners as observers.
- (3) The NSB will be chaired by the Cabinet Secretary and co-chaired by representatives coming from Private Sector and Civil Society subject to approval by the GoB. If the Chair is absent, he may nominate another secretary to the Government to chair the meeting.
- (4) The NSB will set the agenda for the High Level Water Forum and also carry out monitoring and evaluation of the work-stream working groups and the Bangladesh MSP for Water Secretariat.
- (5) The NSB will create and determine the ToR of the work-stream working groups.
- (6) The NSB will review the name, jurisdiction and number of members of the work-stream working groups as and when required.
- (7) The NSB will set administrative procedures for the Bangladesh MSP for Water and also approve plans/programs.
- (8) The NSB will perform all functions as directed by the High Level Water Forum.

- (9) Development partners and experts from the relevant fields may be invited to the NSB meeting as observers or to make presentations.
- (10) The Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources, will act as the Member-Secretary of the NSB.
- (11) The NSB will meet at least once in six months.
- (12) The NSB will have the authority to enhance or reduce the number of members as required.
- (13) The implementation of the recommendations of the NSB will follow the necessary approval procedures as required by the relevant Ministries/Divisions/Agencies of the Government in a coordinated manner in compliance with the existing framework or as agreed with the implementing Ministries/Divisions/Agencies.
- (14) The Ministry of Water Resources, with support from the 2030 Water Resources Group, may take the lead in coordinating the formation/changes (if required) of the NSB.

#### 7. Work Streams :

The Bangladesh Water MSP will be established with three initial work-streams with scope of adding/modifying work-streams as per approval of the National Steering Board of the Bangladesh Water MSP. The three initial work-streams are : 1. Water Governance and Sustainability, 2. Greater Dhaka Watershed Restoration and 3. Agricultural Water.

#### 8. Secretariat:

The 2030 Water Resources Group will act as the Secretariat of the Bangladesh Water MSP.

The Ministry of Water Resources will act as the lead agency from the Government on all aspects of the Bangladesh Water MSP.

9. This has been issued with the approval of the competent authority.

By order of the President,

**Shamim Ara Khaton**  
Joint Secretary.